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The Tambov Regional Military Storage Installation [redacted] TDI name, Tambov MRBM Rear Depot) is located at 52-27N 041-27E, 15 nautical miles (nm) south of Tambov in a level, forested area adjacent to the Tambov-Saratov rail line (Figure 1).

The military storage installation is subdivided into 2 general areas - a secured storage area and a housing and support area (Figure 2).

STORAGE AREA

The storage area is a double-fenced rail-served area of approximately 250 acres. Within the secured area are over 75 buildings, 19 of which measure 200 feet in length or longer.

The main rail line into the storage area separates into a rail siding and a spur near the main entrance on the southeast side of the security fence. The rail spur generally parallels the northeast security fence and connects 3 storage buildings, each of which is revetted on the 3 sides away from the spur. The rail siding connects 2 buildings in the center of the storage area and then rejoins the main rail line before it terminates near the western side of the installation; each of the 2 buildings is equipped with an

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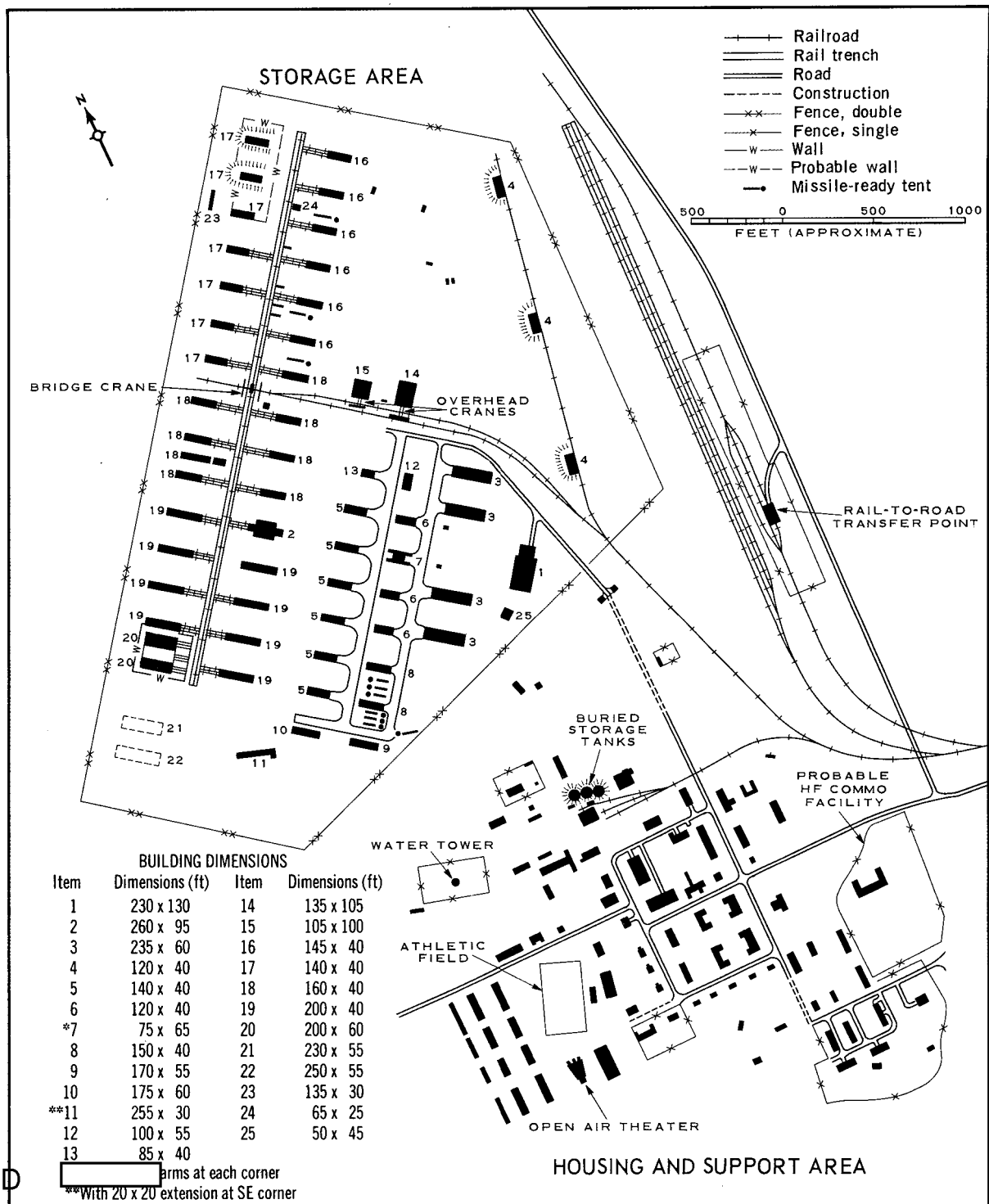


FIGURE 2. LAYOUT OF TAMBOV REGIONAL MILITARY STORAGE INSTALLATION.

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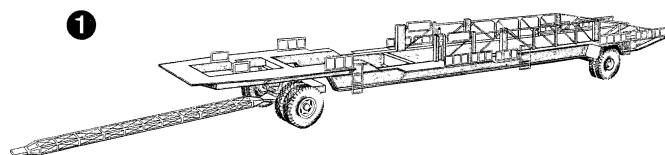
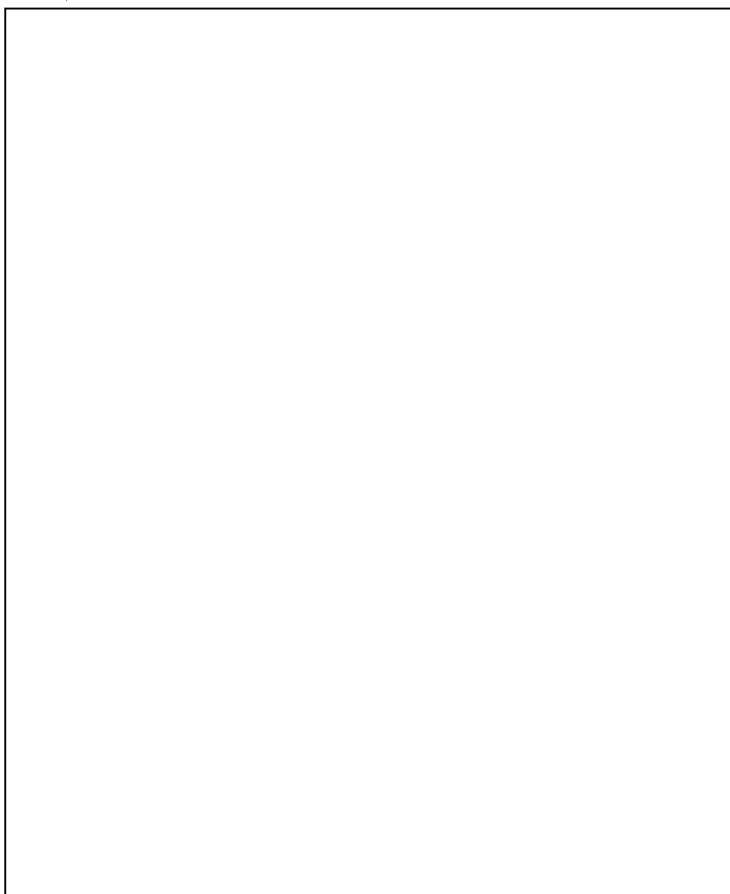
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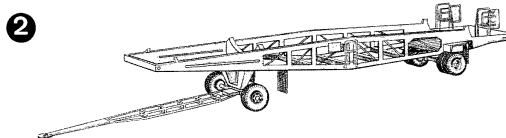
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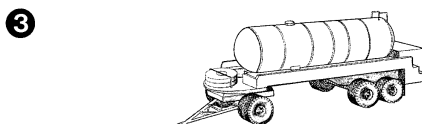
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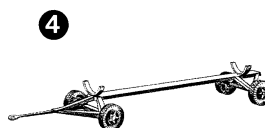
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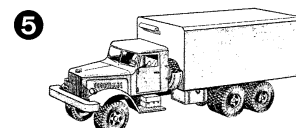
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SS-4 OXIDIZER TRANSPORTER



SS-1-B MISSILE TRANSPORTER



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FIGURE 3. SELECTED VEHICLES AT TAMBOV REGIONAL MILITARY STORAGE INSTALLATION.

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overhead crane extending over the siding. Four probable rail cars are on the siding in front of the westernmost of the 2 buildings. Several rows of crates and boxes are in an open area behind the easternmost building. The rail line crosses a rail trench which parallels the western fenceline. A bridge crane 150 by 65 feet and a transfer table are located at the intersection of the rail line and rail trench. The rail trench allows for rail movement of material from 32 buildings arranged in 2 parallel rows. Three of these buildings are secured by a probable wall, and 2 of the 3 are revetted. A group of 20 road-served storage buildings are located in the south-central portion of the storage area. Ten missile-ready tents are observed within the confines of the storage area, 7 at the south end of the group of road-served buildings and 3 toward the north end of the rail trench.




A large, partially clerestory-roofed building (item 1, Figure 2) is located inside the main entrance to the area. This building is possibly used for some specialized type of vehicle modification.

Within the limits of the installation are 52 rail cars and 1,041 other vehicles/pieces of equipment (Figure 3), as listed in the table.

HOUSING AND SUPPORT AREA

The installation housing and support area is located immediately south of the storage area and contains over 80 buildings. It consists of a rail-served probable vehicle repair/modification area, 35 family housing units, a troop housing and support area, and a secured administration building with a probable HF communications facility.

Vehicles/Pieces of Equipment in Installation

Quantity	Type	Length (ft)
38	Probable SS-5 missile transporters	75
87	Probable SS-4 missile transporters	
2	Probable SS-3 missile transporters	
60	Possible SS1-b missile transporters	30-35
108	Probable SS-4 fuel/oxidizer transporters	
30	Probable nosecone storage and transport vans	
14	Possible SS-4-type erectors	45
165	Trucks, vans, and prime movers	Various
6	Probable lowboy trailers	55
6	Cherry pickers	
25	Cherry pickers	
500	Unidentified vehicles/pieces of equipment	Various
35	Rail cars	Approx 50
8	Rail cars	Approx 65
9	Rail cars	Approx 80
1,093	Total	

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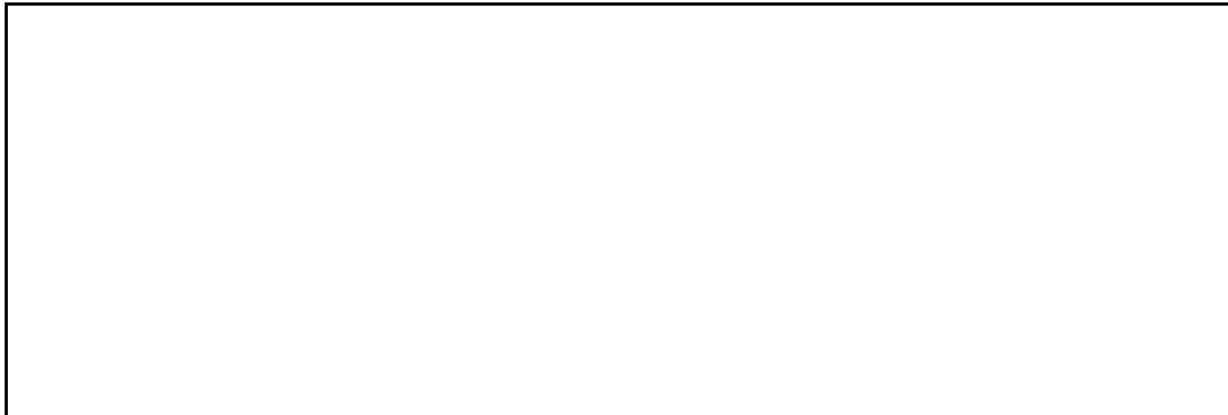
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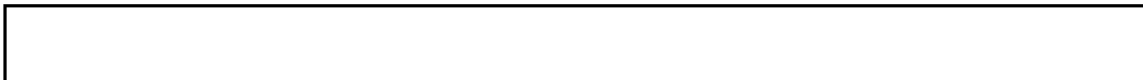


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